



Docket No: 2891 (203-3665)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ernest Aranyi, et al. EXAMINER: Sonnett, Kathleen
SERIAL NO.: 10/798,028 GROUP UNIT: 2891
FILED: March 11, 2004 DATED: November 27, 2006
FOR: **CLIP APPLYING APPARATUS WITH CURVED JAWS, AND CLIP**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2006, please enter the following amendment as follows:

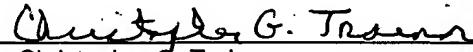
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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